

How Can We Help?

Prayer

We will pray for these requests for two weeks unless notified or updated. Feel free to leave requests on our 24-hour prayer line at 713.335.6456 or HoustonsFirst.org.

☐ Add this request to the church's public prayer database.

Pastoral Care

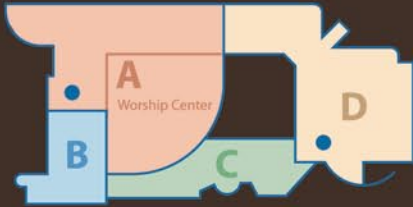
Are you experiencing grief, loneliness, illness, job loss or other life difficulties? The Pastoral Care Ministry provides free and confidential help through the Stephen Ministry. Call 713.957.6762 for assistance, or indicate your interests below:

- ☐ I would like a Stephen Minister to call me.
☐ I am interested in serving as a Stephen Minister.

Don't forget the "Get Connected" section on the other side!

Get Connected (turn over)

Campus Directory & Parking Map



- A** 1 Bookstore 1 Reception Rm
1 Chapel 2 Rehearsal Hall
1 Connection Center 1 Rms 143 & 145
1 Library 3 Rms 330-336
1 Main Foyer 1 Welcome Center
1 Preschool Check-In 1 Worship Center

- B** 3 The Clubhouse 1 Rms 100-108
6 Counseling Center 2 Rms 200-208
1 FBA Primary School 3 Rms 301-303, 319, 322-329
3 The Loft 4 Rms 400-408
1 Pastoral Care 5 Rms 500-508

- C** 1 First Baptist Academy 1 Oasis Rm
1 FBA Library

- D** 1 Café 1 Harbor Rm
1 Christian Life Center 2 Rms 249-270
2 Crafts Rm (270) 3 Rms 362-366
1 Fellowship Center 3 Student Ministry
2 Fitness Center 1 Welcome Center
1 Garden Rm

Welcome Centers *Numbers next to location indicate floor



Summer Fun is in the Air!

Kids and parents, visit HoustonsFirst.org/Summer2011 to learn more or sign up for the following!

JULY

- 11** 6th Grade One-Day Project
10-14 HOUSTON PROJECT
18-22 Summer Week of Choir (K-5th Graders)
20 HUB Student Ministry – Rush Week Rally & Prayer (6:30-8:30p)
21 MetroLive (20s/30s)
23-30 RUSH Week (7th-12th Graders)
28 MetroLive (20s/30s)
28 Kindercamp
29 Family Mission Trip (1st-5th Graders & their families)

AUGUST

- 4** MetroLive (20s/30s)
6 The Response (prayer gathering at Reliant Stadium)
15 Captivated Together (Women)
20 Back to School Bash (Single Parent Families)
21 Back to School Sunday
24 MidLink begins
26 Parents' Night Out

Sympathies

- » Courtney and Mike Schisler in the death of his mother.
» Adam and Sharlene Mason in the death of his step-grandmother, Esther Springfield. Leanna, Ryan, and Kyle Mason in the death of their step-great-grandmother.

Decisions Jul 3, 2011

FOR BAPTISM

Lyle Durio

SALVATION IN CHRIST

Liana L ee

BY STATEMENT

Mary Ramos-Lee

FROM OTHER FELLOWSHIPS

- Suzanne Chamberlain John Logan
Lisa Harris Sharon Logan
Roger Harris Helen Parta
Daniel Jarjour Christy Petter
Imad Jarjour Kim Reynolds
Jane Jarjour Jocelyn Taylor
Laila Jarjour Kevin Taylor
Alicia Langlinais

MESSAGES ON CD
Available in Corner Books before & after services.

HOUSTONSFIRST.ORG
Open 24/7/365
Ministry info, news, events & more!

THE RESPONSE:
a call to prayer for a nation in crisis

Sat, Aug 6 @ 10a-5p – Reliant Stadium

Thousands of people will gather on Aug 6 for The Response, a day of fasting and prayer for our nation. Pastor Gregg and Houston's First look forward to our church family participating with believers from around the country. To register and learn more about The Response, visit TheResponseUSA.com.

Weekly Summary

ATTENDANCE FOR JUL 3, 2011

Sunday Bible Study	3,050
Mission Bible Study	912
Weekday Bible Study	264
Total Bible Study	4,226
Wednesday MidLink	283

GIVING, WEEK ENDING JUL 3, 2011

Tithes & Offerings	\$333,138
Weekly Requirements	\$335,755
Over/(Under)	(\$2,617)
Designated Gifts	\$22,820
Over/(Under) for Jul	(\$2,617)
Over/(Under) Fiscal YTD	(\$2,617)

Capital Campaign



WEEK ENDING JUL 3, 2011	
Donations Received	\$13,431
TOTAL RECEIVED	\$26,003,662

Weekend Worship

July 10, 2011

Sunday Worship

9:30a
11a
5:30p

Sunday Bible Study

8:20a
9:30a
10:45a
4:15p
6:45p

Sunday Kids' Worship

9:30a
11a
5:30p



HOUSTON'S FIRST
BAPTIST CHURCH

HOUSTON PROJECT

Jul 10-14

See inside for more information

Meet the Pastor



Pastor Gregg Matte

Dear Church Family & Guests,

Today, the Houston Project gets underway—a week when our church family sets out to share the love of God with the people of Houston at locations around the city. Join me in praying for lives to be forever changed—for people to receive Christ as their Savior and for our own volunteers to grow in their relationship with Him. It's not too late if you want to join the team, so stop by the Main Foyer after the worship service for details.

Also today, we have the honor of ordaining several Deacons, joining the ranks of many other men who faithfully serve our church. I greatly appreciate the leadership and contributions of our Deacon body, and I look forward to what these new members will bring to the table. Please be sure to thank them and other Deacons for their service to our church, and ask God to give them wisdom and insight throughout the years ahead.

Finally, I invite you to come forward at the conclusion of the worship service. Staff members and I are available to talk with you about becoming a Christian, being baptized, or joining our church—a relevant biblical community.

In Him, *Pastor Gregg*

Creating a worshipful environment. Worship requires our full attention. We ask that you: >> not bring food or drinks in the Worship Center >> silence cell phones >> use the restroom before the service (take your children, too!) >> remain seated once our time of Bible study begins. If you must leave during the service, you may either: reenter through the rear doors and find a new seat in the back or watch the remainder of the service on a monitor in the Main Foyer. At the end of the worship service, people will be invited to accept Christ or join the church. Please remain in the Worship Center during this time. Pastor Gregg and other worshipers will appreciate your thoughtfulness.



School of Fine Arts



Registration is open for the SoFA Fall 2011 semester! Lessons are available for piano, voice, guitar, percussion, photography, dance, and more. **VISIT** HoustonsFirst.org/SoFA for more information and to register. **CONTACT** Nancy Pollard at 713.957.5889, or SoFA@HoustonsFirst.org.

FBA Openings



First Baptist Academy has limited Kindergarten-8th grade openings for the 2011-2012 school year, and financial aid is available for qualified families. **CONTACT** Allison.Smith@HFBA.org, 713.290.2522. **VISIT** FBAHouston.org.

First Place 4 Health Conference

Jul 29-30 – Houston's First
Everyone is invited to the First Place 4 Health Summit 2011 to learn more about health and wellness both physically and spiritually. Enjoy seminars on menu planning, confident public speaking, the importance of strength training, and more. **COST** \$79 before Jul 15. **REGISTER** FirstPlace4Health.com/Events. **CONTACT** Lisa.Lewis@FirstPlace4Health.com.

Latest News & Updates

LORD'S SUPPER & OFFERING

The Lord's Supper will be observed in all three worship services next Sun, Jul 17. When the Lord's Supper is observed at Houston's First, a special benevolence offering for the needy is taken at the conclusion of the service.

"HEAVENOMICS" CD GIFT SETS

CD gift sets of the entire "Heavenomics" message series are available today in Corner Books for \$8. Add one to your library or get one to share with a friend!

Gather Our Hearts

Preschool KINDERCAMP

Thu, Jul 28 @ 9a-2p – Preschool Suite
Children entering Kindergarten – completed Kindergarten are invited for a day of crafts, music, and games as they learn about superheroes of the Bible! **COST** \$10, kids bring a sack lunch. **REGISTER** HoustonsFirst.org/PreschoolEvents. **CONTACT** Laura.Wallace@HoustonsFirst.org, 713.957.7611.

Men's Ministry

MAN TO MAN: AN EVENING WITH LOUIS ZAMPERINI
Sat, Aug 27 @ 7-8:30p – Worship Center



Men from all around Houston are invited to spend an evening with Louis Zamperini, a man whose life brought him from the 1936 Olympics to POW camps during WWII. His inspiring story is told in the book *Unbroken: A World War II Story of Survival, Resilience, and Redemption*, and on Sat, Aug 27, Louis will tell his tale in person at Houston's First Baptist Church. **VISIT** HoustonsFirst.org/ManToMan for information and to buy tickets. **TICKETS** Reserved seats for \$8-\$18. **CONTACT** Eric.Reed@HoustonsFirst.org, 713.957.7680.

Worship

SUMMER WEEK OF CHOIR

Jul 18-22 @ 9a-3p – Houston's First
Registration is open for Summer Week of Choir (SWOC) at Houston's First. Children (completed K-5th grade) will spend a week singing, playing, and learning about God and wrap it up with a performance Friday evening showcasing all they have learned! Space is limited! **COST** \$75 per child. **REGISTER** at HoustonsFirst.org/SWOC. **CONTACT** Shelley.Steelman@HoustonsFirst.org, 713.957.5887.

Grow Our Souls

Churchwide SUNDAY BIBLE STUDIES

Go deeper into God's Word in Sunday Bible studies, and experience community along the way. Stop by the Welcome Center for help finding a Bible study that's right for you, or visit HoustonsFirst.org/BibleStudies and explore the options on your own. Here's some to consider:

- **Jubilee @ 8:20a – Rm 336**
For couples married 0-5 years
- **Joint Venture @ 10:45a – Rm 258**
For adults ages 40-54
- **The Victory Class @ 10:45a – Rm 263**
For adults ages 63-80
- **Paradigm @ 6:45p – Fellowship Center C/D**
For single adults ages 25-32

HIGHPOINT BIBLE STUDY

Wed, Jul 13 @ 11:30a – 1010 Lamar (lower level)
Executive Pastor David Self will speak at this week's downtown Bible study. Lunch begins at 11:30a for \$8 and Bible study takes place from 12:10-12:40p. **CONTACT** Diane.Bagby@HoustonsFirst.org, 713.957.6781.

HUB Student Ministry

RUSH GROUPS

Every Thu thru Aug 4 @ 2-4p – Student Ministry Area
Middle School and High School students: looking for something to do during the hot afternoons this summer? Gather each Thu in the cool A/C with our even cooler summer interns to connect, grow in God's Word and just have a great time. (No gathering on Jul 28 due to Rush Week.) **CONTACT** Susan.Newman@HoustonsFirst.org, 713.957.7631.

Women's Ministry NO OTHER GODS

Every Tue thru Aug 16 @ 9:30-11:30a – Rm 249
Tired of just putting a bandage on the things in life that seem to pull you down? Join Becky Kiser as she leads women through the book *No Other Gods: Confronting Our Modern Day Idol* by Kelly Minter. Sessions include large and small discussions, and childcare is available by registration. **VISIT** HoustonsFirst.org/Women. **CONTACT** Jan.Butterfras@HoustonsFirst.org, 713.957.7642.

Give Our Lives

Churchwide HOUSTON PROJECT

Jul 11-14 evenings
Today is the last day to sign up to serve for the Houston Project, which kicks off this week! This is the mission trip to our city as we share God's love the evenings of July 11-14! Choose from 13 ministry sites around town to serve with Vacation Bible School, Youth Events, Adult Ministry, Evangelism, Prayer, Sports Ministry or Food Distribution. **COST** \$40 adults; \$30 single parents & college students; free for kids under 18. **REGISTER** HoustonsFirst.org/HoustonProject or in the Main Foyer on Sundays. **CONTACT** Charlotte.Hudson@HoustonsFirst.org, 713.335.6451.

Missions

MISSIONARY INTERCESSORY PRAYER TIME

Sun, Jul 24 @ 2p – Oasis Rm
This time of prayer, led by Mary Ann Bridgwater of Pray the Word Ministries, is open to everyone! Join in God's work through our missionaries by interceding on their behalf through prayer. **CONTACT** PraytheWord@HoustonsFirst.org, 713.476.9514.

Children

FAMILY MISSION TRIP

Fri, Jul 29 @ 7:30a-6:30p – Galveston
Children K-5th grade and their families are invited to a mission day trip to Galveston! Serve together with your family by rebuilding a local church and homes in the area, and sharing the love of Christ with others. **COST** \$30/person, max \$120/family. **REGISTER** at HoustonsFirst.org/ChildrensEvents. **CONTACT** Amanda.Westberry@HoustonsFirst.org, 713.957.7621.

HUB Student Ministry 6TH GRADE ONE-DAY PROJECT

Mon, Jul 11 @ 9:30a-2p – Meet at Houston's First
Calling all completed 6th graders! Grab your friends and meet at the church on Mon, Jul 11, then head out for a one-day mission project serving the Macedonian Call Foundation. This ministry provides transportation for missionaries. **COST** \$20 includes lunch. **CONTACT** Susan.Newman@HoustonsFirst.org, 713.957.7631. **VISIT** HoustonsFirst.org/6thGrade.

Volunteering

Visit HoustonsFirst.org/Volunteer for details about the following opportunities and nearly 100 ways you can serve His Kingdom:

- **Encouragers – Volunteers for H.O.P.E. (Counseling Center)**
CONTACT Fay.Suitor@HoustonsFirst.org
- **Enrichment Team (Married Young Adults)**
CONTACT Jan.Butterfras@HoustonsFirst.org
- **High 5 Kids' Choir (Children's Ministry)**
CONTACT Josh.Harris@HoustonsFirst.org
- **Group Fitness Instructor (Fitness & Recreation)**
CONTACT Debbie.Brown@HoustonsFirst.org
- **Healthy Helpers (First Place)**
CONTACT Lisa.Lewis@FirstPlace4Health.com
- **Sunday School Leadership (Preschool & Kindergarten)**
CONTACT Melinda.Scurlock@HoustonsFirst.org

Get Connected Complete and place in the offering plate or in a collection box by a Worship Center exit.

Check all that apply:

☐ College student (school):

☐ Single

☐ Single parent

☐ Engaged (fiancé):

☐ Married (since date):

☐ Widowed

☐ Veteran (branch):

I would like to speak to a minister about salvation, baptism, membership, ministries, or:

Contact Information () Check if this is a change of address.

Name _____ Today's Date _____

Address _____ City _____ St _____ Zip _____

Primary Phone # _____ Birthdate (mm/dd/yy) _____

Email _____ Grade _____

Children living at home: _____ School _____

Name _____



Remember to pray for the thousands of names written on the floor of the Worship Center and the renovated preschool and children's wing. Share and read stories of God's faithfulness at HoustonsFirst.org/Prayer.